

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 10, lines 2-12 as follows:

The application resource 28 then determines the required attributes in step 72 that are needed to select the application operations to be initiated for routing the received message. For example, the application runtime environment 28 may determine that prescribed application services are required (e.g., a prescribed service requirement), a prescribed quality of service is required, for example that can guarantee a prescribed minimum latency or ensure a prescribed guaranteed bandwidth, or guaranteed a response within a prescribed maximum time interval, etc. Destination requirements also may be specified in terms of network topology, geographic location, corresponding prescribed services, or destination identity (e.g., the partner attribute having a “~~goal~~ gold” destination), etc.. Any security requirements also may be determined as well as determining whether the document type specified within the portion 14a have specified the manner in which the message 14 is routed.